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veterinary graduates in view of the new irrigation schemes is more urgent and necessary for the Ceded districts than for the other districts which are more advanced in regard to irrigation facilities?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" That may be so in the opinion of the hon. Member."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" But is it not a fact, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" That is not a fact."

MR. R. W. THEOBALD :—" May I ask, Sir, whether it is a fact that ryots consider that they can do these things better than a university trained man?"

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" I cannot answer this question."

Distribution of groundnut cakes.

* 37 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been issued under the Madras Manure Dealers Licensing Order in respect of sale of groundnut cake by stockists and producers;

(*b*) whether the sale and delivery of groundnut cake are to be made only to the Agricultural department;

(*c*) whether the sole distribution of the cake has been entrusted to village committees;

(*d*) whether the Agricultural department and the village committees possess the necessary storage facilities;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the transport facilities to move stocks from surplus areas to deficit ones are quite insufficient; and

(*f*) if so, how they propose to solve it?

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJÁ :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The District and Taluk quotas are allotted by the Director of Agriculture. Village quotas are fixed by the Taluk Committees in consultation with the Agricultural Demonstrator in charge of the taluk. The village committees issue permits to individual ryots who will take delivery of the cake from the Agricultural Depots or sub-depots on payment of cash or against loan granted by the District Agricultural Officer.

" (*d*) The question of storage facilities for Village Committees for stocking groundnut cake does not arise. The Agricultural Department will make arrangements for getting sufficient accommodation for storing the cake.

" (*e*) Yes.

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" (*f*) To make the total procurement scheme a success, the Government addressed the Regional Controller of Railway priorities to afford the maximum facilities for the movement of groundnut cake and more wagons are now being given. For short distance movements lorries, country carts and wherever possible country crafts are also being made use of. In addition to forty departmental motor lorries distributed in all the major producing districts, private lorries are engaged for the movement of cake. Local contractors are also being engaged."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Arising from the answer to clause (*c*) which states that the permit holders could take the groundnut cakes from the Agricultural Depots, may I know whether there is more than one depot in any area in charge of an agricultural demonstrator? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" In almost all taluks there are more than two depots."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of considering the distribution of the cake to the village committees so that the ryots may get it as soon as they get the permit? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" We cannot entrust the village committees with the sale of this article; but if co-operative societies offer to sell this we could agree."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Then, may I take it that if a co-operative society applies to Government to act as the distributing agent, the Government will be pleased to accept the offer and allow it to sell the groundnut cake in its area of operations? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" It depends upon the status of the society." (Laughter.)

SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" In view of the fact that the village committees are entrusted with the distribution of cloth, grains, etc., may I ask what objection there is to letting them distribute the groundnut cake also? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" Village committees have not been entrusted with the distribution of foodgrains."

SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know whether it is not possible to give the groundnut cakes to the ration shops for distribution? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" There is no need to adopt that course."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether it is a fact that since the control of this commodity

is in the hands of the Agricultural Department, the ryots are deprived of the use of the groundnut cakes as food for cattle and milch cows? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" That is not a fact, Sir."

SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" May I know whether representations have been received by the Government that village committees should be entrusted with the actual distribution of groundnut cakes? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" The Government have not so far received any such representation."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are there other cakes like margosa cakes, pungan and illuppai cakes which are at least as good as the groundnut cakes and if so whether the Government will procure them and give to the ryots? "

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" We will consider the suggestion if there is need to procure and distribute them."

Madras City House Accommodation Order.

* 38 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government, some time ago, promulgated the Madras City House Accommodation Order and if it is still in force;

(*b*) if it is not in force, why the order was withdrawn;

(*c*) whether the Government have received representations impressing on them the necessity to revive the order;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government propose to re-enact it; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to enact legislation to be effective at least for a temporary period in the terms of that order?

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The Madras City Control of Accommodation Order was passed in January 1945. It is not now in force.

" (*b*) The order was withdrawn in November 1945 for administrative reasons.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) The subject is receiving the due attention of the Government.

" (*e*) This point will be considered."

Scarcity of housing accommodation in the city.

* 39 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that in urban areas, especially in cities, scarcity of accommodation is keenly felt;